GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT FUND
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds released from Border Area Development Fund during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the year-wise details of the said amount utilized;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the diversion of the said funds to some other works; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE(SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : The funds released under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) during the last three years, i.e. for 2000-01, 2001-02 & 2002-03 are Rs. 210 crore, Rs. 194.17 crore and Rs.325 crore respectively.

(b) : As per quarterly progress reports received from all the BADP States 100% funds have been utilized during 2000-01 and 2001-02. An amount of Rs.215.38 crore has been utilized by the State Governments against the releases of Rs.325 crore made during 2002-03.

(c) & (d) : In case of Rajasthan, a communication was received from Col. (Retd.) Sona Ram Choudhary, M.P. (Lok Sabha) alleging diversion / misuse of Border Area Development Programme funds in Barmer block. After investigation, schemes which were found to be not conforming to the guidelines of BADP were dropped.